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We have received news that Serbian forces have removed from a United Nations armoured vehicle Mr. Hakkija Turajlic, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and killed him on the spot. The Deputy Prime Minister was returning from the airport after greeting Mr. Orhan Kilercioğlu, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey, who was accompanying a shipment of humanitarian aid from the Government of Turkey to the people of Sarajevo.

This is a further manifestation of the brazen violations by the Serbian forces of all norms of civilized behaviour and a new challenge to UNPROFOR and the United Nations.

I am under instructions by my Government to call for an emergency meeting of the Security Council to respond to this new provocation which is part of a consistent pattern of crimes against humanity committed by the Serbs in Bosnia and Herzegovina over the last nine months.

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